

# REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9482 "Anti-Rabies Act of 2007"

## AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL RABIES, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the Nineteenth day of February, Two Thousand Seven.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

### Section 1.

**Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Rabies Act of 2007".

**Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people.

Towards this end, a system for the control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human and animal Rabies shall be provided and the need for responsible pet ownership established.

**Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.** - For the purpose of this Act, the following terms shall mean:

(a) Bitten refers to an act by which a Dog seizes, cuts or grips with its teeth so that the skin of a person has been wounded, pierced or scratched.

(b) Dog refers to any member of the family Canidae, including but not limited to, domestic and wild dogs, and other members of the family Canidae, including but not limited to, government veterinarians.

(c) Direct Supervision refers to range supervision where physical presence of the veterinarian within the barangay is necessary.

(d) Dog refers to a common quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order Carnivora, including but not limited to, domestic and wild dogs, and other members of the family Canidae, including but not limited to, government veterinarians.

(e) Euthanasia refers to the process of painless death to Dogs and other animals.

(f) Impound refers to seize and hold in the custody of the law.

(g) Owner refers to any person keeping, harboring or having charge, care or control of a Dog including his/her representative.

(h) Pound refers to a public enclosure for stray animals.

(i) Public Place refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, markets, streets, etc.

(j) Rabies refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a lyssa virus, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia, and other neurological manifestations.

(6) Encourage collaborative activities with the DA, DepEd, DILG, DENR, NGOs, POs and other concerned sectors.

(7) Immediately approve the registration of Veterinary and Human Barbiturate drugs and veterinary euthanasia drugs in coordination with the PDEA.

**C. Department of Education**

(1) Strengthen Rabies education program through school health teaching/ curriculum.

(2) Assist in the Dog mass immunization campaigns in the community.

(3) Encourage collaborative activities with the DA, DOH, DILG, DENR, NGOs, POs and other concerned sectors.

(4) Integrate proper information and education on responsible pet ownership in the relevant subjects in the Elementary and High School levels.